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Investigation of the Tungabhadra project.

*207 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the further progress made in the investigation of the Tungabhadra project during the course of the year and the stage which the negotiations, if any, with the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad have reached?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 16 on 19th November 1930.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Nizam's Government have agreed to join this Government in investigating this project? I hear rumours about that; may I know whether the Government have received any communication about it?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"No, Sir, we have not received any communication."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"From the answer given on the 19th November 1930, I have been led to believe that the whole question is likely to be shelved, and therefore may I ask the Member for Revenue to take up the project as recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I cannot accept the premises of the hon. Member. I don't see any reason why the matter is likely to be shelved."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know at which particular site the Government are going to carry out the scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am sorry I cannot say."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know when the Government propose to complete the investigation?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am unable to say when it will be completed."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know what prevents the Government from taking active measures on the recommendations of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee and fixing the site at Malappuram?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"We have been taking active measures. If we fix the site at Malappuram a large area of the land in Hyderabad State will be submerged and we cannot proceed with the work without consulting His Exalted Highness' Government."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"Then in that case why not you fix the site on the other side of the river at Timmalapuram?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"That will submerge land belonging to the Bombay Presidency and the Mysore State."

Withholding of water for cultivation from ryotwari pattadars for participating in political activities.

*208 *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in how many cases water for cultivation purposes has been withheld from ryotwari pattadars in the Northern Circars on the ground that they either took part in or sympathised with the civil disobedience movement?

A.—The Government have not the information.